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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAFED has been successful in achieving its aims and objectives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): NAFED was established with the objectives to provide regular marketing support tothe farmers by organizing, promoting and developing marketing, processing and storage of agricultural, horticultural and forest produce of its member cooperatives. In furtherance of these objectives, NAFED has been undertaking a number of activities in varied fields.

In order to achieve its aims and objectives, NAFED has been playing an effectiverole in handling the procurement and marketing of agricultural, horticultural and forest produce through the involvement of cooperative marketing network. NAFED undertakes procurement of a wide range of agricultural commodities in its commercial account, joint venture account, Government account (PSS/MIS), consignment account etc. directly fromthe farmers without the involvement of any middlemen to ensure that the benefit of competitive prices offered by NAFED directly goes to the farmers and its membermarketing cooperatives. Similarly, NAFED also arranges sale of agricultural commodities by according preference to the cooperatives.

(c): Question does not arise.